

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
SATO et al.)
Application Number: To be assigned)
Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
For: METHOD FOR CONVERTING AND PURIFYING)
MATERIALS FOR MODIFYING SURFACES OF)
SEMICONDUCTOR NANOPARTICLES)
Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0122)

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to correct the claims in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: